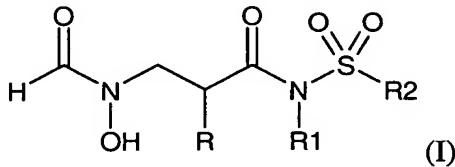


**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended): A compound according to formula (I):



wherein:

R is selected from the group consisting of:

C<sub>2</sub>-6 alkyl (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-3 alkylsulfanyl);  
C<sub>2</sub>-6 alkenyl (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-3 alkylsulfanyl);  
C<sub>2</sub>-6 alkynyl (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-3 alkylsulfanyl);  
(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>—C<sub>3</sub>-6 carbocycle (optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-3 alkylsulfanyl); and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>—R<sub>4</sub>, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, furan, benzofuran, thiophene, benzothiophene, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran, dioxane, 1,4-benzodioxane or benzo[1,3]dioxole; R<sub>4</sub> is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from Cl, Br, I, C<sub>1</sub>-3 alkyl (optionally substituted by one to three F) and C<sub>1</sub>-2 alkoxy (optionally substituted by one to three F);

R<sub>1</sub> represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-4 alkyl;

R<sub>2</sub> represents C<sub>1</sub>-6 alkyl, ArC<sub>1</sub>-4 alkyl, wherein substitution is through the alkyl carbon, or Ar;

Ar is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, furyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, imidazolyl, imidazolidinyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl, thiazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolyl, and pyrimidyl; all of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more Z<sub>1</sub> or Z<sub>2</sub> groups;

$Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are, independently, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>1</sub>, C(O)NRR<sub>1</sub>, CN, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, NR<sub>2</sub>, and NHC(O)R<sub>2</sub>; and

n is an integer from 0 to 4; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}benzenesulfonamide[.];  
4-Chloro-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}  
benzenesulfonamide[.];  
4-tert-Butyl-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}  
benzenesulfonamide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}methanesulfonamide[.];  
Butane-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}amide[.];  
Propane-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-heptanoyl}  
amide[.];  
4-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoylsulfamoyl}benzoic acid methyl  
ester[.];  
4-Chloro-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-phenyl-propanoyl}  
benzenesulfonamide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-phenyl-propanoyl}  
benzenesulfonamide[.];  
5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]  
heptanoyl} amide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-4-phenyl-butanoyl}  
benzenesulfonamide[.];  
Butane-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-4-phenyl-  
butanoyl}amide[.];  
Propane-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-phenyl-  
propanoyl} amide[.];  
Biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid {2-[(formyl-hydroxy-amino)-methyl]-heptanoyl}-  
amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl] heptanoyl}amide[.];  
4-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoylsulfamoyl}benzoic acid propyl ester[.];  
Naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}amide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-5-methylhexanoyl}benzenesulfonamide[.];  
5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-5-methyl-hexanoyl}amide[.];  
4-Dimethylamino-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-5-methyl-hexanoyl}benzenesulfonamide[.];  
N-[2-(2,6-Dichloro-benzyl)-3-(formylhydroxyamino)propanoyl]benzenesulfonamide[.];  
Dimethylamino-N-{2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}benzenesulfonamide[.];  
5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid [2-(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)-3-(formylhydroxyamino) propanoyl]amide[.];  
5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid [2-(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)-3-(formylhydroxyamino)propanoyl]amide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}-4-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]heptanoyl}-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide[.];  
5-Methyl-pyridine-2-sulfonic acid {3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-[(formylhydroxyamino) methyl]propanoyl}amide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]hexanoyl}benzenesulfonamide[.];  
5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl] hexanoyl}amide[.];  
N-{2-[(Formylhydroxyamino)methyl]hexanoyl}-4-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-3-methyl-butanoyl}amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {(R)-2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl] heptanoyl} amide[.];

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]pentanoyl} amide[.];

Biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]pentanoyl} amide[.];

Biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)-methyl]-4-methyl-pantanoyl} amide[.]; and

5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid {2-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-4-methyl-pantanoyl} amide[.]; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Currently amended): A method of treating a bacterial infection by administering to a subject in need of treatment a compound according to claim 1; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
4. (New): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.